Filling up of vacancies in AIIMS through open selection

220. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had given a ruling that the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) should fill up all senior administrative posts and faculty positions through open selection done by the standing selection committee and as approved by the governing body;

(b) if so, what are the details of such vacant posts and what steps were taken to fill up these posts;

(c) whether the *ex-officio* President of AIIMS, has got any complaint about making appointments by-passing the ruling given by the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Institute have reported that they are not aware of such a ruling given by the Supreme Court.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Recognition of Foreign BDS and MDS Degrees

221. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded recognition to BDS and MDS degrees of Australian, US, UK and Russian universities unilaterally; and

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per Section 104(a) of the Dentists Act, 1948, the dental qualifications granted by any authority or institution outside India, which are included in Part III of Schedule, shall be recognised dental qualifications for the purposes of this Act, but no person possessing any such qualification shall be entitled for registration unless he is a citizen of India. The dental degrees of some Australian, US, UK and Russian (Formerly USSR) Universities/ Institutes are recognised and appended in Part III of the schedule of the Dentists Act, 1948.

Dumping of disposable Syringes and Needles by MNCs in India

222. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated September 5, 1997 about the leading MNCs manufacturing medical syringes and needles dumping imported disposable syringes and needles in India in gross violation of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, 1940; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On examination of the matter by the Drugs Controller General (India) it is found that while each of the strip packs of the needles and syringes does give Batch No., date of expiry, name and address of manufacturer the MRP and Import license No. are not given on each strip but only on the outer carton box which generally contains multiple packs. As a result, all the